

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original): A lens system for reconfiguring the cornea and holding the reconfigured cornea during a laser treatment, said system comprising:

a lens member having an anterior surface and formed with a contact surface opposed to said anterior surface;

a skirt for forming a seal against the exterior surface of the eye, said skirt surrounding said contact surface and projecting outwardly therefrom to define a recessed chamber therebetween, said recessed chamber having an opening:

a passageway positioned substantially adjacent to said contact surface, said passageway in fluid communication with said recessed chamber; and

suction means in fluid communication with said passageway for creating a partial vacuum in said recessed chamber to draw the cornea into said recessed chamber and reconfigure the cornea against said contact surface when said cornea is placed over said opening of said skirt.

Claims 2-24 (canceled)